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The Readers Always Write

STERILIZATION VS. SPAYING

Dear Editors:

Since you very kindly published my letter in August's CATS I have received several inquiries from people concerning the pros and cons of sterilization v. spaying.

I was so struck by their interest (three had never heard of it) that I am wondering if you would consider it worth while to pass the word in your pages.

Our vet suggested sterilization because he expected Susie's reproductive organs to be considerably enlarged. Actually they proved as dainty as a maiden lady's and as he put it he could "have grabbed the lot" without difficulty! Sometimes I wish he had because her seasons are sheer murder! But her sweetness and unchanged disposition are more than worth it—I was so afraid of the "fat and sluggish" possible results of spaying which have been alleged to sometimes happen.

We are at present engaged in intensive apartment hunting, but when the general reaction to three clean housepets is as though one sought to introduce three baboons into a hitherto germ free paradise, the situation is pretty nearly static!

Thanks again for publishing my letter. It was a real thrill knowing that thousands of people were reading about our little family. As for the correspondence I've received, I'm not only flattered but amazed.

Sincerely,
Edda Ross

4144 Sheridan Rd.
Chicago, Ill.

VACATION-WISE

Dear Editors:

This year I decided that instead of confining my visiting with distant fellow cat fanatics to odd moments at shows, I'd spend my vacation calling on them in their natural haunts—their catteries. The results were so satisfying I thought I'd like to give other breeders the same idea.

I saw Billie Bancroft at Rockaway, N. J., and can now appreciate more than ever those wonderful Persians that I met there. I gained a lot of helpful hints from her and from Helen Hildebrandt in Brooklyn, and then spent a most pleasant afternoon as guest of the Atlantic Cat Club meeting at the home of Mrs. Silas Andrews, which was considering plans for their big show at the Hotel Piccadilly in January.

I think shows are wonderful, of course, and never miss one that I can possibly get to, but I think that to really get acquainted with cat people and with their cats—we should all do a lot more of off-season getting together.

Sincerely,
Blanche Wolfram

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KITTEN BEDFELLOWS

Dear Editors:

Please send me the two-year Binder. I don't want to part with any one of my Cat magazines. No matter what we are doing when Cats magazine arrives we will stop and read.

Can you send me three or four extra copies which I want to send on to others?

I'd like several copies in particular of this August with its helpful letter from Mrs. Learn, Richmond, Va. My heart aches often of late to hear people remark, "I must get rid of my cat because I'm going to have a baby." It's amazing how many idiotic folks there are in the world in this "Enlightened Age." We have slept with cats since birth. A doctor once admonished my mother that cats in our bed was the cause of sore throats, asthma and the like. I've outgrown asthma years back; the doctor is dead but I'm still sleeping with cats. Not the same cats, because that was forty years ago.

Mabel Hill Perriman

430 Lytle St.
West Palm Beach, Florida

LOUIS WAIN

Dear Editors:

With the encouragement of his relatives, I am preparing a biography of the late Louis Wain (1860-1939) the artist whose drawings of cats made him world famous. He was as well-known in the U.S.A. as in England and, in fact, worked in the U.S.A. as cartoonist for three years from 1910.

I am wondering whether any of your readers have any letters, personal reminiscences or other material and if so whether they would be kind enough to write to me? I can promise that any material will be carefully copied and promptly returned.

Yours etc.
Sidney Denham

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England

FREEDOM FOR CATS

Dear Editors:

I have followed the articles about the Charny bill in CATS Magazine with interest. I could never express my feelings in regard to Miss Charney. You wouldn't print them, I'm sure. They would be so terrible. Especially since reading the article about the traps in the July issue.

I have met many cat haters as time has gone by. I find it impossible to understand them or change them and feel very fearful at times.

I am more than willing and proud, too, to pay a tax or similar arrangement for my cats if it's revenue that is wanted. I am most unwilling to put a collar and tag on them. Such legislation would mean great unhappiness and sure death to many pet cats. I know of quite a few cats being hung by their collars. Especially in the section where I live.



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COVER

These three beautiful Blue Cream Persian Kits are the joy of Marie C. DeLoy, 19 Maiden Lane, Torrington, Conn. Photo is by Arthur Rubens of Torrington.

I fail to see that cats are causing any extinction of birds. We have more around this year than ever. My cats have caught very few this year but have accounted for countless mice, rats and moles. How about the blue-jays that kill and eat smaller birds, not to mention all the other bird killers? What about the men who go out with their guns and slaughter pheasants, ducks, rabbits, etc?

Senator Haluska is sponsoring a bill here in Pennsylvania which would place cats in the same category as dogs. Since cats and dogs are not at all alike in their habits or make-up it seems like a very impractical thing and spells doom for many loved pet cats as well as others. There must be another way to settle this without turning cats into dogs. Why does Sen. Haluska wish to make cat owners miserable? Is it just because of the revenue it will bring in or because actually he does not love cats as much as some of us do and like Miss Charney, seeks to curtail their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, claiming they destroy the wildlife? Through all the years Nature has been preserving a balance with all wildlife. I consider that man has done more to destroy all this than anything else. He has killed the birds by poisoned insects and sprays. Uprooted their homes. He has driven the pheasants, rabbits and other wildlife from their homes by digging up fields and woodlands. The autos have slaughtered countless dogs and cats and wildlife. Why then all this furor against the cats?

I once asked a veterinarian (after having several cats killed by cars) about confining my pets, remarking about their pleasure racing about, climbing trees and hunting. He said that it was either a longer life and unhappiness or a shorter one with happiness. I chose the latter.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sallie K. Bittenbender

R.F.D. #2
Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

ON THE TRAINING OF SERVANTS

By Lord Hopplewhite III of Yost Road

"Servants—I couldn't be bothered with them. They're more trouble than they're worth."

How often have you heard this statement? Perhaps you have even made it yourself. And how wrong it is. Once you have experienced the joy, the comfort, the convenience of having one or more well trained servants at your constant disposal, you will never again willingly be without them. There is no magic to the proper training of servants. A few common-sense rules, strictly adhered to, are all that are required. This article, then, is written as a guide to those of you who can be induced to try personal servants for the first time, and will also, I hope, be of some assistance to those of you who already have servants, but who would like to improve them to the point where you can boast of "The Perfect Servant."

Genus Homo is, of course, the best and most commonly-used servant. There have been occasional instances of other geni, but in this article we will disregard them as being far less satisfactory and too rare for discussion. Homo sapiens is more adept, more easily trained, and on the whole more reliable. You must always remember that you are dealing with a mind not so quick as yours, calling for considerable patience and perseverance on your part. If, in addition, you will always be kind but firm, it is surprising what can be taught.

Once you have chosen your servant, the first thing is to make friends with him. Do not rush this first step, as it is essential to later training to gain his confidence. Follow him around, show that you like and trust him, encourage him to touch you, purr when he does something to please you, and talk to him often. Even though he does not understand what you say, he will be fascinated by the sound of your voice, will usually try to reply, and will comprehend an amazing amount simply from your tone.

Once you have established friendly relations, the real training may commence. Homo sapiens is often slow to understand what is wanted of him, but if you are persistent, always use the same command, and keep your temper, you will find that he can be taught. He will, incidentally, respond faster and more willingly if claws and teeth are forgotten. A purr when he does what is required, and low growl if he makes a mistake will usually be all that are called for. The great majority of servants are anxious to please you and will do almost anything if they can only be made to understand. Once they have learned a command they seldom forget it, and will respond with alacrity.

One of the first things to teach, of course, is how, when and what to feed. It is important that food be produced promptly at specified times. At first you may find it necessary to devote a good bit of attention to this matter. The following method is almost certain to result

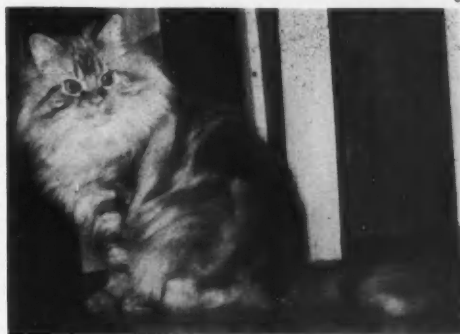
(as told to Mrs. E. T. Franzen)

in success. Stand in front of your servant and, looking directly at him, repeat several times in a loud, clear voice: "Food, food." If he does not understand, go to the box where food is kept and repeat the command: "Food, food". Then return to your servant. If his attention wanders, slap him lightly with your paw or, if necessary, climb his leg. After a very few such demonstrations he will begin to comprehend, and will thereafter probably anticipate your wishes to the point of setting out food regularly without your having to command it.

When this point has been reached it is time to teach further what to feed. When food is served, sniff at it delicately, and if it is not entirely to your taste, scratch around the dish as though to cover it over, walk away, and again standing in front of your servant and looking directly at him issue the command "Food" in a very firm voice. It is best not to go through this procedure too often at first lest you completely confuse and discourage your servant. Later when he has become more thoroughly trained you can have a great deal of fun refusing one dish after another just to see what he will come up with next.

Another essential trick to teach is the opening of doors on command. The procedure is very much the same, but here go to the door and say, in a loud, clear, authoritative voice "Out". If the response is not immediate, reach up and scratch the paint on the door. For some as yet unexplained reason this seems to be very distasteful to homo sapiens and he will usually rush to obey. When he has done so, walk out *very slowly*. It is well to pause half-way out, or even to sit down a moment, to teach your servant not to close the door too hastily. You will soon have him trained to open any door on command, and to hold it open until you have passed leisurely through.

There is nothing more enjoyable than a daily grooming, and a servant proficient in this is indeed a joy to own. Do not attempt to teach this, however, until your servant has thoroughly mastered several other tricks, responds readily to your commands, and has grown to have confidence in and affection for you. Then proceed slowly and carefully. Remember that homo sapiens is by nature slow and clumsy. Although your instinct will be to punish mistakes hastily with claws and teeth, it is unfortunately true that many a potentially excellent servant has been totally ruined in this way. He will do a great deal to merit your praise, but punishment only makes him fear you and refuse to obey. I cannot urge you too strongly to be patient, understanding and forbearing. As long as he is attempting to please you, reward him by purring, rubbing against him, even washing his



"You must always be kind, but firm" *

hand or arm. Limit your rebukes to a growl or a slap, which are sufficient to warn against clumsiness or carelessness, and still will not cause undue fear.

Treated properly, your servant will develop a great deal of affection for you. It is well to encourage this to a certain degree. Permit him to pick you up at times and stroke your fur. It makes him happy, and a happy servant is a good one. Do not, however, make the mistake of allowing him to look upon this as a right. It is a privilege you bestow as and when you please, and must be understood as such if you do not want a hopelessly spoiled servant. If you find it pleasant, by all means jump in his lap occasionally, or lie on his chest or wash his face when he is sleeping, but never permit him to take liberties with you. There must be no doubt at any time as to who is master and who servant.

When all else fails, persistence alone must be relied upon, particularly in the breaking of some fault. Many servants, for instance, develop a very bad habit of disturbing one when one is quietly resting upon a table or other piece of furniture they consider peculiarly their own. They can be broken of such habits if you are persistent. Simply return to the same spot every time you are removed, they will eventually learn to leave you undisturbed. With some the process takes longer than with others, but it has never been known to fail.

Following these basic principles, you will find it a simple and really enjoyable procedure to teach your servant all manner of useful and amusing accomplishments. Do not proceed too quickly. Make sure he has mastered one feat before attempting another. And once a command is learned, do not let him forget it. In return for a little intelligent effort on your part, you and your children and your children's children will enjoy, among other advantages, a constant supply of varied, tasty and nourishing food without effort on your part, warmth in the cold of winter, cool refreshment in the heat of summer, freedom from worry and persecution, cleanliness and comfort with a minimum of exertion, relief from fleas and other parasites, aid when required in injury and illness, and faithful man-like devotion. Can you still say that servants are more trouble than they are worth?

*Modeled by Ch. Hi-Acres Roxanne

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

Collected by ANNE METCALF



TO SKIPPER-LADY

Though you are still,
Your memory is linked
With joy, not sadness.
The quickened step,
The welcoming purr,
They are my share of
Your bright gladness.

—Elydia Shipman

KITTIKINS!

Petite, presuming kitty,
Are you making your first debut,
And can not seem to get it right . . .
This latest cat hair-do?

—Lulu Minerva Schultz

Why so lean, my lady cat?
Is it fasting causes that?
Say, or it is love.

Matsuo Basho (1644-1694)
From Lynn Hamilton's "Sophisti-Cats"
(Translated by Curtis Hidden Page)



DEATH OF A BLACK CAT

There was a cat—Beelzebub—
And corn stalks, pale and dried;
He walked around and over them
To reach the other side
He saw a face that beckoned him:
Hooked nose and gleaming eye;
A broom with magic handle
Which drew him to the sky.
And thus it was Beelzebub
Departed life so soon,
To dwell in witches' paradise
Beyond the golden moon.

—Miriam Ashley Kozelka

A CAT: ON HUMAN BATHING

What are those far-off sounds I hear?
A warning to my back-turned ear?
Water splashing to a scrub
In that eagle-footed tub?
Cautiously I chance a look
In this oddly shapen brook.
Our Great Bubastis! In the lake
Is Master . . . hairless as a rake.
And all his linen fur is shed
Around the room and on the bed.
Spring out, you human, or regret
Your bathing in that lethal wet!
Meow! He's lathering his dome
Crazily with fitty foam!
Undoubtedly I shouldn't mind,
But for a human . . . he was kind.
And sometimes he could even chat
As sensibly as any cat.
Why can't he learn to wash and dry
His coat and pants with tongue, a- I?

—Helengray Gatens O'Brien

THE RED BOW MYSTERY

Our "Blackie" came home with a
spanking red bow
Her glittering sleekness adorning
And smirked when we mentioned it
hadn't been there
When she'd scampered away that
same morning!
She preened and careened as if trying
to say
To admirers and those who were
scoffers
"If you want me to stay, you had
better be nice
For I've had some—Ahem!—other
offers!"

—Gladys D. Wilkie

TO BARNY

Small cat, with orange fur and amber
eyes,
Your cautious friendship has been a de-
light.
I need those soft demands, exchange of
talk,
A small caress, to prove that I exist.
In one dimension East and West are
near,
For distance is a matter of the heart:
The magic beauty of a Western night,
An Eastern city's noisy smoke-filled bar,
The rocky coast of a New England shore,
The shimmering waves of heat on desert
sand,

All, are the universe and thus can be
Immense and lonely, a vast aching void.
Or, any one may be the heart's own home
And therefore give the answer to our
world.

Shared thoughts, shared love, shared joy
and tenderness
Are man's great need — the landscape
matters naught

Save to provide a framework for his life.
Space is dimension through an inner
sight.

The power of beauty is within the mind.
Loneliest thoughts can come in crowded
rooms - - -

One's days can pass by filling every hour
With busy deeds directed toward the
world,

But time stands still and life seems very
long

Except for moments when a human need
Makes close demand upon us, and the
heart

Responds with warmth, one's body bends
to give

The sought caress, the unsaid words of
love.

Thus, Barny, small and feline as you are,
You still have made me grateful. There
has been

One moment out of time when I alone
Was needed to give comfort, share a
mood!

—Doris Blaisdell Barnum

LOVE THAT CAT!

By Gertrude D. Bacon

Speak gently to your little cat,
Talk in loving tones;
She may not know the words you use
She'll feel them in her bones.

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Written for Helen Van Damme's Tortie Queen,
Chimes Prairie Witch of Noel
See the lovely little Witch
Give her Tortie tail a twitch,
And glide with silken grace across the
floor;

She's a very pretty cat,
And I want to tell you that
More than this — she's one who really
knows the score!

Since the witches do appear
But one season of the year,
She's perpetually dressed for Hallowe'en;
Black and orange, blending nice
With enough of cream for spice,
And the brightest golden eyes you've ever
seen.

If you meet her, then beware!
I must warn you to take care—
Over everyone she meets she casts a
spell.

She has happy times in store,
And we hope there'll soon be more
Like this enchanted and enchanting Tor-
toiseshell.

—Helen Turner

LINES TO A SLEEPING YELLOW TOMCAT

Lazy blond ball of fur
Cozily napping;
As I hear your droning purr
The Past is here, tapping.
Some say, in sorcerer's den
Shrouded in gloom
You sported with imps and you
Rode warlock's broom.
You love to prowl in the dark,
Sign of the wizard's art.
One castle's memories mark
The time you cowed Bonaparte.
A true contradiction,
You're tough, elemental;
You use doubtful diction,
Yet you're sentimental.
You're loving and lazy,
You're sleek and well-fed;
Folks think I'm crazy
When you nap on my bed.
Have my thoughts aroused you?
Green eyes are blinking
As if urging me
To confess what I'm thinking.

—Pauline Saltzman

If you would know what the cat is
thinking about, you must hold its paw
in your hand for a long time.

—Champfleury

FOR THE DEFENSE

By
Henry J. Entrican

Many predatory mammals and birds have been vigorously denounced at one time or another as being particularly destructive to game species. Most of these predators have found defenders, who have cited observations and gathered statistics tending to show that they were less destructive than claimed, or that their destruction of desirable species was counter-balanced by their destruction of undesirable species.

Thus, the fox, raccoon, mink, weasel, and skunk, as well as various birds of prey, have been proved to be so useful in reducing rodent populations that a true balance between their negative and positive values has not yet been positively established.

Dogs, of course, are staunchly defended as friends of mankind, and as of little importance as wildlife predators.

Only the domestic cat has remained a scapegoat with few to speak up on his behalf. One may attend a sportsmen's meeting where sharp disagreements are voiced as to the various wild predators, avian and mammalian, and where bitter arguments are held about the dog situation. But if someone mentions the roaming cat all agree that here is a predator with few redeeming features. Even at a meeting of wildlife technicians, the cat can be denounced without fear of contradiction. Yet an examination of the evidence as to cat predation shows an unexpected sparsity of reliable data. Casual observation, hunches, and acceptance of "they say," constitute the bulk of the evidence regarding the cat. Systematic food studies, such as furnish the data for evaluating native predators, are conspicuous by their absence. Those which have been conducted, although limited in scope, are somewhat surprising and lead to doubt as to the validity of the black reputation given the cat.

Paul L. Errington, (Notes on Food Habits of Wisconsin Cats, Journal of Mammology, vol. 17, pp. 64-65) reports as follows: "Fifty stomachs collected from October 15, 1929 to January 1932 showed the following items eaten: Cottontail 3; Norway rat 7; Microtus (meadow mice) 26; Peromyscus (house-mouse) 8; Mus (house-mouse) 2; unidentified mice 9; short-tailed shrew 1; English sparrow 2; domestic chicken (probably carrion) 2; domestic pigeon 1; unidentified small birds 3."

Frank B. McMurray and Charles Sperry (Food of Feral House Cats in Oklahoma, Journal of Mammology, vol. 22, pp. 185-190) report of 107 cat stomachs examined over a 3-year period. Eighty-four of these stomachs contained food, and the following percentages are based on these stomachs:

Breakdown of stomach contents showed food eaten as follows: Insects 12.5 per cent; mammals, chiefly rodents, 55 per cent; garbage 26.5 per cent; birds 4 per cent; reptiles 2 per cent. Birds were found in 9 stomachs, but included no game birds. Cotton rats, considered an injurious species, comprised about

half of the rodents eaten; the remaining half being about evenly divided between other types of small rodents and cottontail rabbits. Limited as these figures are, they are actual figures, as against the casual observations and arbitrary opinions usually cited.

From 1945 through 1949, Dr. Bradt, of the Rose Lake Wildlife Experiment Station of the Conservation Department near East Lansing, Michigan, had an unusual opportunity to accumulate evidence on cat predation.

One of a litter of kittens at his residence on the station area showed a tendency to bring his prey into the house, apparently as a "showing off" characteristic. Dr. Bradt was amused at first, and then interested to see what he would catch. The cat had a little swinging door which allowed him to enter and leave the house as he pleased at all times. He roamed at will over the adjacent farm lands, and his catch should be characteristic of cats in similar areas. Whenever he brought prey into the house, he announced his presence by loud meows, and the doctor or his wife praised him and petted him a little, regardless of the time of day or night, and regardless of the species of prey. He was praised and petted the same for a rabbit or a song bird as for a rat or English sparrow. Hence, their actions did not influence his choice of prey. Dr. Bradt believes that he brought all his prey to them, except shrews, which he deposited uneaten on the porch. His record for eighteen months ending May 28, 1949 was as follows:

1,600 mice, approximately 1,200 of which were meadow mice; the rest divided between house mice, deer mice and jumping mice; 3 spermophiles (gophers); 6 barn rats; 4 young rabbits; 15 shrews; 54 English sparrows; 1 flicker; 1 meadow lark; 1 robin; 2 goldfinches; 2 chipping sparrows; 1 white-throated sparrow.

Dr. Bradt's failure to distinguish species of mice more accurately is due to his late recognition of the importance of the record he was obtaining. During the latter part of the observation period actual species records were made.

The cat was remarkably gentle with his prey, and most of his captures, even the small birds, were apparently uninjured. In fact, many of these were released by the doctor, and they flew away at once.

Song birds were common around the house and outbuildings, and litters of rabbits were raised in the garden each summer, so opportunities for predation on them were as good as average.

While the record of this cat may not be characteristic of cats in general, it is a positive statistical record, and when considered with the few authentic food records available, does cast a doubt upon the traditional idea that cats are vicious predators on song birds and game.



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ON IMPROVING CAT SHOWS

By Alice Hahn (Part II)

Environment

The surroundings or external circumstances which affect the welfare of the cats, their owners, and everyone concerned with the show are lighting, temperature, ventilation, caging, floor space, acoustics, food and water, and safety measures.

In this technical age there is no excuse for lighting reminiscent of the gas-light area. Since a show is mostly a visual performance, committees should go to almost any extreme to beg, borrow, or hire the best possible lighting equipment. Believe it or not, at one show a judge felt it necessary to use a cigarette lighter to see the cats!

Sixty-five to sixty-eight degrees would be the ideal temperature, but extremes are found from show to show, making it most uncomfortable for the human participants and dangerous for the cats. Do show managers appoint subordinates to check on ventilation? With hundreds of spectators milling around, a change of air is imperative.

We have found caging usually to be rather unsatisfactory. Old, rusty cages should be painted or discarded. The sawhorse or frame of boards used to support the cages is often too high, making it very difficult to clean and decorate the cages. It also makes it trying to see over the row. Ownership of cages by a club or organization would be a worthwhile goal.

Aisles should be open at each end to facilitate the movement of the public and not form a bottleneck, by the crowding of those returning with those just entering. The judging platform should be higher than the tops of the rows of cages, so that what goes on can be seen from any part of the room, without people crowding around.

Smoking is a fire hazard and it makes the cats' eyes water. One certainly doesn't expect to see a judge manipulating a cigarette and the cats at the same time, but it has been done. Fires are a constant danger, and any decorations, such as covering over the saw-horses should be fireproof.

The rule "Do Not Handle Cats" should be obeyed both for the comfort of the cats and the safety of visitors. The public should not poke the cats with fingers through the bars of the cages.

Enforcing "No Smoking", "Do Not Handle Cats", and checking for fire hazards are definitely duties of the floor manager.

A rehearsal by those who are to use the microphone could point up the need for better enunciation and command of the instrument. Often the remarks are unintelligible . . . just an ear-shattering blare. Sometimes it is the fault of the building, which just wasn't built to be an auditorium.

Would it be too much to expect that some day the horsemeat will have been defrosted in time, so that we will not

have to feed ice cold food to the cats?

Disease

There was a great deal of gossip last season about shows and disease. If you have show cats, you want to show them, or why have them? If you show them, you've got to take the risk of disease, but that risk is definitely less if you have had the felines permanently inoculated against enteritis. The show veterinarians aren't God-Almighty. They can't foretell that a cat will come down with disease. They can only examine it for symptoms. Sickness doesn't start at shows. It starts in dirty, unsanitary, unhygienic, unspected catteries.

If your cats have been well fed, exercised, permanently inoculated, and you watch them carefully after shows, sending for the veterinarian and giving them twenty-four hours of nursing each day while ill, they should recover and be all the stronger for having conquered the virus.*

Competition

Should there be at least two in a class to award winner's ribbon? Siamese face terrific competition, as compared with other breeds. Although they do so much to support shows, few premiums and prizes are offered them.

If your cat is very good, the more often you show, the greater will be your wins, for the law of averages is in your favor. Any recognition in the larger classes is wonderful . . . so be proud of the green ribbon . . . it means far more than a trunkful of rosettes awarded the sole representative of its classes among the less popular breeds.

Judging

We are optimistic over the growing tendency to consider condition of first importance, however—

Many judges ignore the standards and scale of points for color when judging Siamese. "Even pale fawn or cream,

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*This season we showed at different times, the four members of one litter. During their eighth month, while still kittens, one was taken alone to a show. He received second award as the judge said his coat was a bit "open". We thought he was frightened at his first show and this was the cause of the hair standing out, but we now know it was the first sign that he was going to be sick. The day after the show he wouldn't eat. The second day he began to vomit, so we sent for the doctor. He prescribed terramycin capsules every six hours. The next day two others were vomiting also. The third day the fourth cat, too, was vomiting and he was the most severely ill. We set the alarm clock in order not to miss administering a single dose. Because of the loss of water through vomiting, something had to be done to prevent dehydration. We found that they could keep down a medicine dropper (one-third tsp.) of mixture skimmed milk, raw eggs, and few drops of B complex syrup, warmed. This was given each animal once an hour. One frightened us by vomiting blood. Our veterinarian, Dr. Bernard Lipman, suggested adding salt to the liquid in the eye-dropper. A friend thought strained gruel would stop the bleeding. It did. On the fourth day, the first cat to be taken sick ate cooked whiting. The next day the others also ate. Their mother, two years old, was with them constantly and she was not ill at all, evidently immune. As their recovery was 22 days before the next show in which one of the cats had been entered as a novice, we fearlessly took him. He too, received second award. All four had been permanently inoculated at 4 months.

AND MITES

By Elinore Rohlf

Spring and Summer are the seasons when added special care should be given to keep the skin in top condition, but even during fall and winter one can not let his attention relax except at the risk of disease and parasites. No coat can be at its best unless the skin is clean and healthy. Breeding and kitting are apt to bring on vitamin deficiencies, with accompanying eczema and hair-pulling, especially in the female that has had an extra large litter or does not wean the young early. An allergy to a certain food, (cereal or dog food meal, are common offenders) will also cause eczema or loss of fur.

Vermin multiply at an alarming rate and can change a nice healthy coat into a dry, harsh and dull brush in a short period.

Care should be taken that sufficient vitamins, particularly B (Brewers yeast is excellent) be added to the diet. The old coat is falling at this time and being replaced by new. Your new coat will be just what you put into it!

A clean skin is essential—along with your vitamins. Cats are allowed more freedom during the summer and vermin are more easily picked up. Fleas are quite common, as are ear mites, and the skin and ears should be checked often and regularly. Grooming once a day is important, not only in helping to clean the skin but to remove the falling hair which if swallowed often leads to digestive upsets.

Aside from the ear mites and mange mites that are well covered by most books on cats, there are several mites that can be found in the fur of cats.

The minute white 'sugar mite' that infests raw or unrefined sugar in immense numbers, sometimes estimated to exceed 100,000 to a pound of sugar and the mite from grain will burrow into the skin of humans and cause a condition called 'grocers itch'. These mites would not cause a specific mange but the effects of the mites in the fur and on the skin cause an intense itching and the scratching and biting the cat does to itself often breaks the skin, one case resulting in the cat pulling large mouthfuls of fur from its body. Although these mites are relatively the size of an ear mite (but have four pairs of legs instead of three) and can't easily be recognized as a vermin to the naked eye, the skin will be dry and scaly and the fur dull and harsh if they are present. Possible sources are grasses or straw and grocery cartons from grain cereals and sugar that the cats have come in contact with. How often a case occurs of a cat having these mites would be only a guess, as would also be saying if they would leave of their own accord or die off in time, but the fact remains they cause great discomfort, skin damage, and also hysteria. Breeders who have a cat with a stubborn breakout and extreme dandruff condition would be wise to brush the infected areas and check the

skin flakes under a microscope. As these mites cover the complete body — face, feet, etc. a thorough bath with a good pet shampoo is the easiest and surest cure and brings immediate relief. Specific mention is made here of these mites

because generally no mention is made of them in cat books.

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SEPTEMBER PICTURE OF THE MONTH

By F. L. Lemaire, Amsterdam, Holland

Those three little kittens in the photo above came all the way from the Netherlands to win the October prize for the Three Little Kittens' Picture of the Month Contest co-sponsored by the American Crabmeat Company and CATS Magazine. That is, their picture came all the way—the kits themselves are still at home with their photographer owner, F. L. Lemaire, Liedsestraat 29, Amsterdam, Holland, who used every bit of his cat-psychology and photographic knowledge to arrange and snap this superbly executed composition.

There have been winners over the three-year span of the contest from most of the states of the union, and it has drawn entries from all over the world, but Mr. Lemaire is the first overseas entrant who has been able to outclass the American contestants for any one month. His richly deserved award of a \$25.00 U.S. government bond is already winging its way to him across the Atlantic.

When the third yearly contest draws to a close with the awarding of the 1953 Picture of the Year in January, an even \$1200.00 in bonds will have been awarded by the American Crabmeat Company in the interest of better cat photography. Outstanding entries whether prize-winners or not have been compiled in the famous Cat-O-Graphs, volume one and volume two of which can be secured for 25c each from the company at P. O. Box 1042, Boston 3, Mass. They're all that can be desired by those who like to see cat pictures.

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AMERICA'S FIRST GREAT CAT SHOW

By Ida M. Mellen

Cat shows appear to have made a modest start in America with Maine exhibits of the Angora cat, but the world's first great cat show was inaugurated in London in 1871 at the Crystal Palace, by Harrison W. Weir. A great cat lover, Weir later wrote a book, *Our Cats and All About Them*, a confident title in 1889, before students of cats learned that no one knows all about cats without actually being a cat. After the notable success of Weir's cat show in London, small shows continued to be held in the eastern United States, and finally the First Annual Exhibition of Cats took place at Madison Square Garden in New York during four days in May, 1895. The temperature was so high that some of the exhibits died from the heat. Weather Bureau records show that on the third day it reached 83° and on the fourth day 86°.

The program of that first New York cat show announces classes for Short-Haired and Long-Haired "He-Cats" and "She-Cats and Kittens," Short-Haired and Long-Haired "Gelded Cats," Ocelots, Wildcats, Civet Cats and Lynxes. Two ocelots, two wildcats, and three civet cats were exhibited, but no lynxes. In all 176 animals were shown. Silver medals, collars, ribbons and cash prizes were awarded, including \$10 in gold for the homeliest cat in the show, which was required to be "healthy and sound," notwithstanding. Three cats were adjudged worthy of this award, Topsy, Outcast, and ironically enough, Venus de Milo.

Two Angora Tabbies won each a silver medal and silver collar for Best Long-Haired Cat in the Show. These were a "Gelded black and gray Tabby" named Cozey and owned by Mrs. Frederick Brown, and Coonie, a "He-Cat" owned by Mrs. Albert Legg. The catalog solemnly assures us that Coonie was "supposed to be half Wildcat and Coon." He was valued at \$200 and came under the general classification of "Brown, Dark Gray or Red Tabby."

Two of the cats in the show were priced at \$1,000. One was Mr. B. B. Hughe's Nicodemus, a short-haired male Tabby described as a "Dublin Brindle." He was classed as a "Brown, Dark Gray or Red Tabby."

The Best Cat in the Exhibition was awarded \$10 in gold and a silver medal. He was a short-haired gelded cat named Tommy, owned by Mrs. C. H. Mackin and coming under the classification of "Any color but Tabby, White, Black, or Black and White." Seven years old, Tommy was seven-toed and weighed sixteen pounds.

The highest award, however, went to the "Heaviest Maltese Cat in the Show," a \$25 gold medal, which was won by Grover B., seven years old and owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Buchanan. He was in the same class with Tommy, and priced at \$1,000.

Angoras were the favorite long-haired cats and an advertisement in the show catalog states that the advertiser, Walnut

Ridge Farms of Boston, had "sold over 1,000 Angoras last season." A white Persian seven years old and costing \$500 had been imported six years previously and no one could foresee that Persians would eventually outstrip Angoras, which no longer have a show standing, though! full-blooded specimens may still be found in Maine and Massachusetts. The show maintained a veterinary inspector, just as the shows do today.

The names given some of the cats carry us back to the close of the nineteenth century: Paderewski, Tommy Atkins, Charles Dickens, Grover Cleveland, Frances Cleveland, Ben Bolt, Little Billie, Trilby, Sweet Marie, Blizzard, Ellen Terry, Razzle and Dazzle, and Scheherazade.

We know what ocelots and lynxes are. Some of our friends have kept them as pets; but what was meant in the catalog by civet cats and wildcats, we have no idea, since, in the latitude of New York, a wildcat would be a lynx, and lynxes were classed separately. Civet cats are natives of Africa. The Texas, Western, and Nevada Cacomistle, sometimes kept as a pet, is wrongly called civet and ring-tailed cat, but it is not a civet or a cat, and more nearly related to a raccoon.* Jaguarundis wander north into our southern states and are wild felines, but they can hardly have been meant, few New Yorkers at that time having ever seen or even heard of them. A man in New York, Harlan Major, in recent years kept a pet jaguarundi, which the present writer visited. It was handsomely formed, after the feline pattern of liveness and grace, was in its gray phase (in its red phase it is called the eyra), slightly longer than a domestic cat and distinctly a one-man animal, as wildcats are apt to be. It did not appear to see anyone in the room but its master. He could handle it freely, but no one else would have ventured to touch it. It whistled like a man but did not mew, and if its master left the house, it watched at the window, whistling until he returned.

The 1896 Exhibition took place in Madison Square Garden during five days in March, was provided with an orchestra night and day, and the catalog states that "Madame Elvira Sansoni, the Only Lady Cat Trainer in the World, will give exhibitions of her Wonderful Trained Cats every afternoon and evening during the week of the Show."

Fashions change. How we should like to look in at those early shows and see how the domestic short-hairs and Angoras carried off the prizes which today go chiefly to Blue Persians and Siamese, and which tomorrow may be awarded to other, entirely different breeds!

*Since writing the foregoing I have asked Lee S. Crandall, General Curator Emeritus of the New York Zoological Park, for an opinion. He suggests that a wildcat would naturally refer to the bay lynx or bobcat, the separate classification of lynx may have been meant to indicate the larger Canadian lynx. He could offer no solution whatever for the classification of civet cat.

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A LETTER ON LOVE

By Alexander V. Bollerer—In reply to Gertrude Charney, July CATS

Dear Editors:

As usual I was happy to see the new July CATS in our home, and after dinner I relaxed and picked up the magazine to enjoy its contents. My first act is always to look over and revel at the photographs of most of the breeders cats. Some of them are precious. This finished, I started to read the articles in general—then it happened.

I could barely believe my eyes, much more my brain which was vainly trying to grasp the thought impulses my eyes were conveying to it. How could a woman go into such a delicate sacrilegious description on how to catch and then the many ways to dispose of someone's beloved feline pet? A pet who has never harmed a soul and who has more goodness and love in its one little paw than most of we humans have in our entire being. A pet with a little body that we as keepers of it do not even own, altho we may think we do, but really has only been loaned to us by God to care for protect and love.

For the past fifteen years my wife and I have had the supreme privilege given to us of living with "Sockamatta". "Sockamatta" means Goddess of Love. "Sookie", for short, was an orange eyed white Persian. She was the most beautiful loving, affectionate, good and kind kitten that was one's privilege on this planet to possess. We all understood each other to the utmost, and it was no problem to her to convey her thoughts and wishes to us merely by looking at us with her wonderful large limped orange eyes. She was a true lady in every sense. It was "Sookie" who taught my wife and I the real true meaning of love and affection, the love and affection that we have for each other. On June 23rd of last year God saw fit to take her from us—to give her a place with Him, a place she so richly deserved. No words may be used to describe the emptiness, the vacant place in our hearts and in our home. The terrible void, and the lack of the familiar "Urp" that she would welcome us home by when we returned after being out for an evening.

To fill this vast terrible feeling we decided that we just must have another kitten, altho we despaired of the fact that no other kitten could ever take over and fill all the requirements that had been "Sookie's" standards. Mail, telephone and telegraph service was put into use. At last we obtained a copy of CATS magazine and thru its pages we got in touch with Mrs. Rita Swenson of North Adams, Mass. When we arrived at her home she was most cordial and kind. We had several to pick from and it was a task, indeed. They were all so cute and lovable. At long last we made our decision. Mrs. Swenson was kind enough to loan us a carrier, and picking up the kitten she kissed it, admonished it to always be a good girl, placed it in the carrier and we were off for the return

trip home.

We didn't enjoy the beautiful scenery one bit on the return trip. The road was wonderful but we were constantly mindful of the mite of life we were in charge of sitting on the rear seat in the carrier. Arriving at our home we quickly unlatched the door rushed into the house and opened the carrier. We felt heart sorry for the sight that was there. The kitten lay crouched in a corner, and so frightened. She was so tiny small, could easily sit in the palm of my hand with room to spare. Her little face which looked up into ours seemed to be comprised entirely of eyes, big blue eyes, which so pathetically seemed to say "I'll be a good girl, honest I will". My wife and I looked at her with appraisement in our eyes and with utter dismay in our hearts, we unfairly seemed to compare her with "Big Girl" as we affectionately called "Sookie." For instance, we mentally compared the little pencil of a tail she carried to the gorgeous brush which had been "Big Girls", and which she was so justly proud of. Well we had her, we reasoned, better make the best of it and hope for the best.

She went thru kittenhood with all the trials and tribulations associated with such a transition period, both to her and to us. When we purchased her Mrs. Swenson assured us she would "Drip" with fur. She was correct. Today, one year and two months later she is a young lady, a beautiful adorable nine and a half pound armful of blue eyed silken Persian loveliness.

During this time she seemed to realize that she had a mission to perform in our home, that she was here for a reason and that she must bring back the happiness we had lost with "Big Girl." So many things she does that she is almost an exact counterpart of "Big Girl" and we sometimes say that "Big Girl" is leading her and teaching her what to do.

I have gone into my words to get to the moral of this story, but I did want to describe our kittens so that your readers may realize the love and affection that exists between mistress, master and the kitten in question.

Our yard is a sanctuary for birds. We love them equally with our kittens. It would be impossible to enumerate the bird houses in the trees, feeding stations and bird baths. This spring we have counted forty-seven new baby birds that have been given life on our property.

During the fifteen years that "Big Girl" lived with us and in the time that "Sookie" the second, has been with us, we can truthfully say neither cat has caught or as much as harmed one single bird. True, they are attracted to the birds by a natural animal curiosity and instinct. They will sit for long periods of time, on the lawn, watching the birds that may be on the same level with them

or in the trees and bushes. But best of all they love the sight of, and go into great exuberance when they see a bird in the bird bath.

True, I cannot deny, nor may anyone else, that occasionally a cat will catch a bird. Its natural instinct for them to do this. It has been my observation that birds can pretty well take care of themselves. A cat can make a mistake too, you know, and we humans make many many more serious mistakes in our lifetime than does the cat. We are pardoned for our mistakes, why not the cat? One day I saw a Blue Jay swoop down and annihilate all the babies in a Wren's nest. On another occasion a squirrel ran down a tree, tackled a young Cat bird and ripped its breast open. Then there was the Robin which flew blindly into the side of the house and was killed. Still another time I saw a youngster down in our pine grove armed with an air rifle, as I started out after him I was too late to save the beautiful Oriole that came tumbling out of the tree. I took the rifle from him and turned it over to the police. I wonder now, after reading the article I refer to, should I have put the youngster in a cage and placed it in the bathtub filled with water.

This is just a pin point observation of how death comes to some of our beautiful feathered animals. Not in one single instance did a cat have a place in this untimely drama. For the once in a while a bird may be caught by a cat, consider on the other hand the immeasurable good that cats do the world in ridding it of rodents. It has been written that if by some chance this world should suddenly become entirely devoid of feline life, human life would perhaps not be able to survive, as we would become the prey of rodents. The smaller animal life is, the faster the maternity rate becomes. This is the reason rodents have so many families per year. It follows therefore, that each rodent destroyed by a cat is that particular rodent plus the many offspring it would produce.

Factories, stores, every kind of business keep cats as watchmen. One warehouse on the waterfront in New York City, maintains several cats. The "foreman" cat receives a two weeks vacation each year for the good work rendered.

As I type these lines my eyes have lifted to the garden and I see hopping over our sleeping "Big Girl" a big fat red Robin while a few feet away stands peacefully a tiny Wren surveying his big brother. Still a bit beyond the Wren lies "Sookie, the second," lazily and slowly moving her magnificent brush as she watches a big Blue Jay noisily bathing in the bird bath. The sun is out in all its glory. The garden flowers are out in all their natural splendor. This is one place where the world is a peace—May it ever be thus.

Alexander V. Bollerer
140 Tobey Ave.
Windor, Connecticut

Cats Club & Show Reporter

Marin Judging Bee

A surprising amount of judging talent was discovered when the Marin County Cat Club played host to cat fanciers from all the San Francisco Bay area, San Jose, and Sacramento, on Sunday, August 23rd, at the San Anselmo home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wedel. The occasion was the Marin club's first annual barbecue-picnic and judging contest.

The pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with the contest, in which approximately thirty of the guests competed for the winner's rosettes.

Earlier in the day three accredited ACA judges, Ruth Fisher, Rosamund Flynn, and Nora Clifton, had scored the three Siamese, one Domestic, and two Longhairs, which were later judged by the contestants. The three scores were then averaged, and the result used as the standard against which the wins were tallied.

Those who proudly bore home rosettes were:

Best in the Novice class: Miss Barbara Funston of Tamalpais Valley. Second Best Novice: Mr. George Harlan of Sausalito. Best in the Open class: Mrs. Marie Rania of San Jose. Second Best Open: Miss Barbara Funston. Best in the Champion class: Mrs. Miriam Williams of San Francisco (CFA judge). Second best Champion: Mrs. Alice Clarke of San Francisco (CFF judge). Best judge in Show: Mrs. Maria Rania. Best Reserve judge: Miss Barbara Funston.

Ohio State Fair Exhibit

"Champion Evergreen's Twinkling Star", a Blue-Eyed White Persian male owned by Mrs. Earl G. Fleming, 1796 Bide-A-Wee Park, carried off the top award at the Cat Exhibition at the Ohio State Fair for the third consecutive year. He was judged Best cat and best Champion in the Show. The Cat Show is not officially sanctioned by any of the national organizations, but has been an annual event in connection with the Ohio State Fair since 1920 under the auspices of the Ohio State Persian Club Inc. of Columbus. The Show was judged by Mrs. Hope Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio. Other winners were:

Best Opposite Sex Cat—Evergreen's Lady Diantha, Blue f., L.H., Mrs. Fleming. Best Kitten—Just-A-Mere Black Beauty, Mrs. Eva Werner. Best Opposite Sex Kitten—Just-A-Mere Robin Hood, Mrs. Werner. Best Opposite Sex Champion—Ch. Wil-Jene Pocahontas, Red f., Mrs. Hostetter. Best Novice—Just-A-Mere Doodle Bear, Blue m., Mrs. Werner. Best Opposite Sex Novice—Evergreen's Lady Diantha, Blue f., Mrs. Fleming. Best Shorthair—Wil-Jene Farina, Manx f., Mrs. Hostetter. Best Op. Shorthair—Blue Grass Na-Ko, Siamese m., Mrs. Hostetter. Best Foreign Shorthair—Wil-Jene Farina, Manx f., Mrs. Hostetter. Best Op. Sex Foreign Shorthair—Blue Grass Na-Ko, Siamese m., Mrs. Hostetter. Best Domestic Shorthair—Chicky's Daughter, Chinchilla f., Mrs. C. F. Kunkler. Best Op. Sex Domestic Shorthair—Ch. Springbrook Mikati, Shaded Silver m., Mrs. C. F. Kunkler. Best Neuter—"Wil-Jene Toddie", Siamese, Mrs. Hostetter. Best Spay—Katie of Haviru, Shaded Silver f., Mr. Robert Tidwell. Best Household Pet—"Calico" Female Parti-Colored, Miss Catherine Knies.

It's Long Island Cat Breeders' Club

Sorry that due to a typographical error last month we let the word Guild creep into the name of the Long Island Cat Breeders' Club announcement of their Garden City show November 10 and 11. There's been no change; it's still a club.

First Iowa Cat Show

New ground is being broken by the Cat Fancy this show season with the scheduling by the Haweye Cat Club (CFA) of the first cat show ever to be held in the state of Iowa. Show will be at Des Moines, January 9 and 10 with Mrs. C. F. Rotter judging the All Breed. Mrs. Frances Kosierowski will officiate at the two Specialty shows—Central States Solid Color Club and Minnesota Siamese.

Wolverine Show Postponed

The Wolverine Cat Fanciers (CFF), Detroit, advised that they have had to postpone their 1953 show scheduled for October 10-11. Further plans will be announced later.

Mrs. Shippe to Move

Effective November 1, 1953, Mrs. Myrtle K. Shippe, Secretary of CFA, will move to 20615 Patton Court, Detroit 28, Michigan. All correspondence after that date should be directed to the new address.

Kitten Judging Match

The Siamese Cat Club held its first Trial Judging Kitten Match on Sunday afternoon, August 30th, in the garden of Ivory Towers, the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Germeshausen, members of the Club, in the Hollywood Hills, with the dual object of selecting the best kittens and of giving the members experience in judging by comparing scores with each other. The Match was attended by other fifty people, and excited great interest. In the audience there were a number of professional judges, all of whom agreed that this was a truly worthwhile project, providing the Club members with valuable experience in judging. Photo of the scene is on page 17.

Nineteen kittens were entered in the Match, held according to CFA rules, and competed in classes for Chocolate Point, Seal Point, and Blue Point Siamese.

The Match was judged by members of the Club, and entries were limited to kittens bred by Club members.

Those judging the Match were: Mrs. Walter Brenner, Mr. Don Steelman, Mrs. James Riggi, Mr. A. F. Germeshausen, Mrs. A. F. Germeshausen, and Capt. B. K. Culver.

The judges' scores were tallied to obtain the following awards: Best Kitten—Hollywood Mainstay, B. P. m., owned by Mrs. Frank Bjerring. Best Kitten, opposite sex—Cari Casandra, B. P. l., owned by Mrs. James Riggi. Best Chocolate Point Kitten—Trade Winds' White Cloud male, owned by Mrs. Florence Kemmerling. Best Chocolate Point Kitten, opposite sex—Trade Winds' Chocolate Eclair, also owned by Mrs. Kemmerling. Best Seal Point Kitten—Agincor Creon, male, owned by Ed McCormick and Don Steelman. Best Seal Point Kitten, opposite sex—Palos Verdes Duchess Ti, owned by Albert C. Thatcher.

One Day Show Cancelled

Dear Editors:

We of the Siamese Cat Breeders Guild will greatly appreciate your publishing this letter, setting forth certain circumstances which we feel are pertinent to an explanation of our planning a one day show for Foreign Shorthairs on Sept. 26th, and its subsequent cancellation.

At the annual meeting of the CFF in 1953 our delegates asked if the CFF would grant points for a one day show for Siamese and verbal acquiescence was given by the officers and delegates present. In a letter to Mrs. Ralph Wilkinson, Secretary of the CFF, dated May 19th, we asked if we could widen our scope to include all Foreign Shorthairs in the show. Relative to this, she replied, in a letter dated June 5th:

"I do not see why you cannot include all the foreign shorthairs in your show rather than only the Siamese. . . I think you could word it as follows—Siamese and Foreign Shorthair show, in your announcement."

At the same time we sent Mrs. Wilkinson a copy of the minutes of our May meeting.

We then mailed a letter to breeders asking if they would like and support such a show, naming therein Sept. 26th as the date of the show. A copy of this letter was sent to all officers of the CFF. The response to this letter was excellent, and we then went ahead with our plans, engaging a hall and cages, and sending our entry blanks to the printer. A copy of the minutes of our July meeting was also mailed to the Secretary of the CFF.

On the night of Aug. 13th, we mailed a letter to the Secretary of the CFF asking for the official signed sanction which we wished to have before mailing out our entry blanks. We had assumed that there was no question of this since we had had no adverse communication from any of the CFF officers. On the morning of Aug. 14th we received a card from the Secretary of the CFF asking us to please send promptly for our rules and judges books. On the following morning, August 15th, we received a letter from the Secretary of the CFF stating that they would not grant us a sanction as the date of the show was too near that of Penn State Cat Club show.

It is with regret that we have therefore abandoned our plans for a one day show. We feel that the sanction was refused on technicalities rather than on printed rules, and we had no intention of encroaching upon the activities of any other club in planning our show. We had only hoped to do something worthwhile for the cat fancy, and from the response to our letters we know that the one

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- 10-11—Minneapolis, Minn.—Twin City Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Walter Limpert); Siamese Specialty, Solid Color Specialty, Tabby and Tortie Specialty (Mrs. C. L. Rotter).
 17-18—Sacramento, Calif.—Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Helen Fairchild); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Ann Manley).
 24-25—Los Angeles, Calif.—Pacific Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Miss Lucy Clingan); Poppy State Shorthair Specialty (June Williams); Longhair Specialty (Ethel Garson).
 24-25—Seattle, Wash.—Seattle Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Andrew J. Flynn).
 24-25—Chicago, Illinois—North Shore Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); Central States Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Carl R. Johnson).
 29-30—Philadelphia, Pa.—Penn State Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Mrs. H. Earl Nack); Siamese Cat Breeders Guild Specialty (Mrs. Louise Fiedler); National Tabby and Tortie Specialty, CFF Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Norah Andrews).
 31-Nov. 1—Dayton, Ohio—Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); Minnesota Siamese Specialty, Windsor Solid Color Specialty, American Silver Fanciers Specialty (Mr. Anthony DeSantis).
 31-Nov. 1—Petaluma, Calif.—Marin County Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Anna Fardee); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. Nora Clifton); Shorthair Specialty (Mr. Howard Casassa).

November

- 7-8—Milwaukee, Wisc.—Midwest Feline Fanciers Club (CFF). All Breed (Ella Conroy); Longhair Specialty and Shorthair Specialty (Doris Hobbs).
 7-8—Cleveland Persian Society (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Frances Herms); Shorthair of So. Cal. Specialty (Miss Kay Thomas); Windsor Solid Color Specialty (Miss Thomas).
 7-8—Oceanside, Calif.—Coronado Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mr. Charles G. Victor); Short Hair Society of So. Calif. Specialty (Mrs. Helen Fairchild).
 10-11—Garden City, L.I., N. Y.—Long Island Cat Breeders Guild (CFF). All Breed (Mr. H. B. Zieses); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Doris O'Connell).
 14-15—San Diego, Calif.—Silvergate Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Ruth Fisher); Longhair Specialty, Shorthair Specialty (Christine Whittier).
 14-15—Portland, Oregon—Rose City Cat Club, Inc. (ACA). All Breed (Miss Floy McGill); Longhair Specialty and Shorthair Specialty (Judges to be announced).
 20-21—Springfield, Mass.—Springfield Cat Fanciers Club (CFF). All Breed (Mrs. Norah Andrews); Domestic and Foreign Shorthair Specialty and Tabby and Tortie Specialty (Miss Doris Hobbs).
 21-22—Milwaukee, Wisc.—Milwaukee Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie); Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Lucile Pelton); Tabby and Tortie Specialty (Mrs. Louise Reed).
 21-22—Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); Shorthair Specialty, Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Lillian Limpert).
 28-29—Fort Wayne Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Laura Graham); Shorthair Specialty, Solid Color Specialty, Tabby and Tortie Specialty (Mrs. Frances Kosierowski).
 28-29—Atlanta, Ga.—Cotton States Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John Hunter); Solid Color Specialty, Tabby and Tortie Specialty (Mr. Anthony DeSantis).

December

- 1-2—Newark, N. J.—Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ann Vise, Longhairs, and Mrs. John Hunter, Shorthairs); Solid Color Club of the East Specialty, Eastern Tabby and Tortie Specialty, and National Siamese Specialty (Mrs. Frances Herms).
 5-6—Rochester, N. Y.—Genesee Cat Fanciers Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Frances Kosierowski); Solid Color Specialty, Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Frances Herms).
 5-6—Pomona, Calif.—West Shore Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph Mabie); Silver Specialty (Miss Kay Thomas); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. L. D. Sample).
 5-6—St. Louis, Mo.—Greater St. Louis Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); Central States Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. H. O. Reed).
 5-6—New Orleans, La.—Dixie Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mr. D. Deans-Henderson); West Texas Shorthair Specialty and Solid Color Club of the South Specialty (Mrs. Edith Schulte).

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- 5-6—Oakland, Calif.—Golden Gate Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Marguerite Gelforth); Specialties (Type and Judges to be announced).
- 5-6—Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Judge to be announced); Specialties (Judges and Types to be announced).
- 12-13—Long Beach, Calif.—Long Beach Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Tillie Oken); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. Ruth Lentz); So. Calif. Shorthair Breeders (Mr. Howard Casassa).
- 12-13—Miami, Florida—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Henry Herms); Specialties and Judges to be announced).
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- 8-9—New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club, Inc. (CFF)—All Breed (Mrs. H. Earl Neck); Siamese Specialty (Mrs. Lillian Pedulla); Silver Specialty (Mrs. Silas Andrews).
- 9-10—Des Moines, Iowa—Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); Central States Solid Color Club Specialty and Minnesota Siamese Specialty (Mrs. Frances Kosierowski).
- 9-10—St. Petersburg, Florida—Gulf Shore Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mr. Anthony DeSantis); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty and Tabby and Tortie Specialty (Mrs. John S. Hunter). (Also possibly a Siamese Specialty).
- 9-10—San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Helen Fairchild); Specialties (Type and Judges to be announced).
- 16-17—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Frances Kosierowski); Windsor Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. H. O. Reed).
- 23-24—Hollywood, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Frances Kosierowski); Shorthair Society of So. Calif. Specialty (Mr. Roy Easterly).
- 23-24—Akron, Ohio—Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Judge to be announced); Specialties (Type and Judges to be announced).
- 30-31—Kansas City, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mr. Anthony DeSantis); Solid Color Specialty and Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. John Hunter).
- February**
- 4-5—New York, N. Y.—Empire Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lester O'Neill); National Siamese Specialty (Dr. Evans Sawyer); All Shorthair (except Siamese) Specialty and Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Ralph Mabie).
- 6-7—Phoenix, Ariz.—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Judge to be announced); Specialties (Type and Judges to be announced).
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- 13-14—Dallas, Texas—North Texas Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Miss Dorothy Hunt); Specialties (Types and Judges to be announced).
- 20-21—San Francisco, Calif.—San Francisco Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Judge to be announced); Specialties (Type and Judges to be announced).
- 20-21—San Antonio, Texas—Alamo Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. J. H. Revington); West Texas Shorthair Specialty and Solid Color Club of the South Specialty (Mrs. C. C. Strange).
- 27-28—Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty and Shorthair Society of So. Calif. Specialty (Mrs. Carl Keller).
- March**
- 27-28—Eureka, Calif.—Redwood Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Marguerite Gelforth); Shorthair Society Specialty (Mrs. Isabel Meader).



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Here are the members of the Siamese Cat Club and their kittens during a lull in the kitten judging match held in Hollywood Hills, Calif. (Story on page 13)

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CAT TALK

There is a letter this mornning from Mrs. Mabel Perriman, West Palm Beach, Florida. (Mrs. Perriman must be a sweet gal, come up to New York some time Mrs. Perriman and say hello—and will we talk cats!) She tells me that the Postmistress in Dietrich, Idaho, has a cat named 'Peanuts'. It seems that Peanuts is a bit on the finicky side when it comes to eating, his mistress is spoiling him no end. She buys special foods for him and still he is picky. But does that cat love peanuts?—well rather! He will shell them carefully, and sit there eating them like a hungry little squirrel. He is trained to a harness and there are times when Mrs. Chapin ties him out in the yard to exercise, and does he love that! Before he goes out he will climb upon a chair and stand perfectly still for his harness to be adjusted. I would not be at all surprised if Mrs. Beatrice Chapin, Postmistress of Dietrich, Idaho,

did not have Peanuts taking the Civil Service tests before too very long.

A story came to my attention this morning, there is a family in New York City where a wee, small kitten, about four and a half months old, lived. The man of the house was brutal to this little kit, the rest of the family loved it. One day the kitten went away. The children were heartbroken. A few months later the father of this family died. The kitten came back that very day, and it has been with the family ever since, loved, respected and groomed every day.

Another incident which happened down in Greenwich Village, about a family who owned a dainty Seal Point Siamese, a very, very valuable kit-cat. Top-bracket pedigree and everything like that—when the time came for her to be mated, the family decided there was plenty of time later on for this family business—but they did not know their little queen. The family lived on the sixteenth floor of an apartment house, so they kept their baby

Ko-Ko close to the house. However they did allow her out on the ledge—(sixteen floors above the street—mind you), and what happened—she was mated on the ledge. The litter was beautiful—but beautiful, most of them were Show types too. It developed that there was another Siamese living in this same building, and this boy was just as finely bred, just as aristocratic as Miss Ko-Ko. In the Feline Fancy there sometimes come a time when a cat must take things into her own paws and high ledges do not a prison make!!

Cicel Billings of New York City, has a lovely white Persian. One day 'April' decided to take a walk. Miss Billings had everyone in her apartment house on the hunt—up stairs, down stairs, everywhere. No one could locate April. Finally Miss Billings decided she really must go to the pent-house, which was located on the very tip-top of the apartment house. Taking her maid, she started out. When they arrived, there was 'April' on the roof of the pent-house, enjoying a view of the New York sky-line, and in no way anxious to come down. But our career gal, Miss Billings, shinnied up that roof in no time flat and brought Miss April right down. In the meantime the gentleman who lived in the pent-house came out to see what all the racket was about. Miss Billings, who is a very pretty girl, was not at her best, and this gentleman was a very well known artist—his specialty was painting pretty girls. I do not know what the conversation was, but I do know there have been some very lovely young ladies who have missed out on having him paint their pictures—cover girls, too. He has developed a yen for White Persian queens, and has had April pose for him quite a few times.

A very well known Judge tells me this story, a friend of hers who was also active in The Farcy had one of her cat-children die. The Vet. told her to have the little body cremated, but this she could not and would not do. So Miss V. called a friend who lived quite a ways out in the country, and asked if she could bring 'Topsy-Toe' and bury her in her lawn. The friend said yes, of course. On the way out to Ridgewood, New Jersey, Miss Vaughn stopped at a Department store to buy a few things and laid the box on the counter—being quite busy with her purchases she did not know that some one had taken the box—when she noticed she was frantic—she rushed to the floor manager and explained what had happened. He assured her the woman or man who had taken the little body would be found. Each entrance to the store was alerted, then they went to the ladies room, emptied each booth, and there in one booth sat a woman with the open box in her lap—out cold.

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Fanciers Forum

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Fanciers Forum:

In my March letter I definitely had NO intention of knocking other breeders' cats.

I am truly interested in this new little cat which comes from the mating of a foreign breed, the Siamese, and one classified by the registering bodies of our country as a Domestic. In view of this cross, wouldn't such an animal be entitled to be classified as a NEW BREED rather than as a pure bred Siamese or a pure bred Domestic? Our rules state that cats of mixed ancestry must be put in Household Pet classes. Nevertheless, if a true breeding animal were developed, I would be in favor of a new class being created for it.

In registering a cat from unregistered or unknown parents, we must sign a statement to the effect that all ancestors are of the same breed to the best of our knowledge and belief. Therefore, one COULD NOT truthfully register a "Red Point" as a Siamese knowing that it was produced by crossing a Foreign breed, Siamese, and a Domestic breed. We have forbidden any Cat Fanciers Association registration on Russian Blues without English G.C.C.F. registrations to prevent any cross bred cats from appearing in our shows or stud books. Then when blue pointed kittens appeared in the litters of imported, supposedly pure bred, Russian Blues, some of us wondered if the English registering body might be less strict than our own. Perhaps Mr. Jude should have been consulted at that time! He certainly has pointed up some glaring differences between the English method of determining or recognizing a Pure Bred cat, and the American cat fancy's yardstick.

I am for these delightful little red pointed cats and feel that they will quickly win their own following under their rightful pedigree and their own standard. I know that if I bought a Siamese only to find Domestic ancestors in its pedigree, I would be bitterly disappointed. If, on the other hand, I bought a strikingly unique animal with full knowledge that it was of a new, rare, man-made breed, I would expect to find in its pedigree ancestors of different recognized breeds.

Thanks to Mr. Jude for his thought-provoking statements on Himalayan rabbits and Siamese cats, both having the gene for weakened chromogen, and that therefore the resulting similar pattern is called by different names!

Sincerely,
Mrs. James M. Riggi

Cari Siamese Cattery
North Hollywood, California

SECONDS SEXTON

Dear Fanciers Forum:

I feel, strongly, that the letter by Antoinette Sexton in the August Fanciers Forum is a great service to the Siamese fancy. It is a clear and unemotional statement of the case for establishing the hybrid redpoints as a separate breed. I concur.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Leigh Manley

The Dark Gauntlets
Box 112, Route 1
Arcata, Calif.

PEDIGREE VS. TYPE

Dear Fanciers Forum:

I have been reading with great interest the controversy stirred up by the question, "Are Red Points Siamese?" I would like to voice an opinion on it, too, not as an authority, but as a prospective owner of one of the "Points of Controversy."

It seems to me that the whole question boils down to one of definition—what is a Siamese cat? Is it a cat which has a certain definite pattern of markings, eye color and shape, and body type; or is it a cat with a pure pedigree behind it. If it is the latter, then how does it happen that Siamese are occasionally entered in shows with the notation "Details unknown" and that such cats of unknown parentage have gone on to win championship points and to be used for breeding. Can anyone prove that stock from such cats are purebred Siamese?

Or, another question, can anyone prove that the Blue Point Siamese is a natural mutation of the Seal Point as some claim—or is it, what appears far more likely—the result of a cross with an ordinary Blue Shorthair?

It seems to me that if we define a Siamese as a cat with a certain definite pattern of markings, eye color and shape, and body type; then we may accept those cats that

conform to the standard set for Siamese regardless of point coloring. In that case the Red Points may also be classified as Siamese cats for they, too, have the same pattern of markings, body type, etc., as is required of Siamese.

Judith Gilmore

479 Homer Ave.
Akron 20, Ohio

KEEP COOL, PLEASE

Dear Fanciers Forum:

Evidently my discussion of Red Points in the August issue has caused some comment. Unfortunately my mail indicates that some assume me to be "anti-Himalayan". Nothing could be further from the truth; as each of us should, I only wished to do my bit toward clarifying the issue.

Mrs. DeFilippo and I have had a pleasant and stimulating correspondence for several months past, and my remarks were published with her full pre-knowledge and complete understanding of the views as stated. I am anxious to see the development of the Red Point, and as Mrs. DeFilippo knows, several other Siamese breeders, some of national reputation, are also doing whatever they can to help her.

I think all of us on both sides of the controversy must realize that only by maintaining coolness of spirit and intellectual honesty can we have constructive discussions. It would be unfortunate if past Fancy errors were repeated with Red Points due to too much emotionalism.

Sincerely
(Mrs.) Antoinette Sexton

Frostland
P. O. Box 998
Arcata, Calif.

CLEAN CATTERY COMMITTEE?

Dear Fanciers Forum:

With reference to the recent discussion about "cleaning up" catteries, may we venture the following suggestions:

Why not establish in each city a small committee of Cat Fanciers, perhaps five in number, who are duly elected from CFA, ACA, CFF and UCF associations in that city—cat judges, perhaps, or recognized officials whose names are printed in programs of the local shows, who have had a minimum of five years' experience as breeders and Fanciers and who otherwise qualify. Any cattery in doubt may be reported to this group, or anyone desiring information may consult them, and they will "visit" the cattery. The object of this visit will NOT be to condemn the cattery or denounce its owner; rather they will in a friendly way try to help her, offering suggestions to the best of their knowledge which will facilitate her keeping her cattery cleaner and the cats healthier and happier. For example, they will answer questions with regard to destroying fleas, ear mites, cat odor, hairballs, advice as to inoculation of kittens, etc.

Election of these officials may take place at the time of the local cat shows when it is shown clearly who are the ablest local breeders from results of the shows. Their service on this committee could be a prerequisite to their position as a Cat Show official. We might call them, for example, the Board for Cattery Aid, or the B. C. A.

In the August issue of CATS, Ada May Miles suggests naming names of the catteries in question. Unfavorable publicity never did anyone good, and may provoke great harm. It allows anyone of the least qualification to report another person unfavorably, for any reason whatever, personal or otherwise. Surely we don't want this type of thing in the Fancy.

Our aim is not to disgrace one another, but to inspire one another not to destroy, but to construct. This is not accomplished through embarrassment!

Ada May Miles also mentions a talk by a Mr. Smittle at the Siamese Cat Club of Hollywood on bacteria and sterilization of cages and utensils used for animals. This is splendid. We need more of these talks before our associations, and this type of articles in CATS magazine.

You may be interested in the 14th Annual Pet Show held August 6th in Edison Park here in Chicago. Interest was keen among children and adults alike, for, in the Cat Department awards were given for: (1) longest-tailed cat; (2) shortest-tailed cat; (3) longest-furred cat, and (4) biggest cat.

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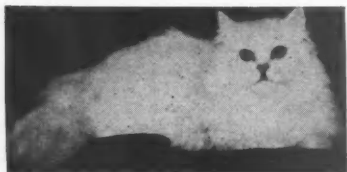
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Mews and Views from the West

Of particular interest in this locality is the forthcoming Bazaar to be held Nov. 6-7 at the Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, California. This is being put on by the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, of which Mr. George M. Crosier is General Manager, and a group of ladies interested in animal welfare, with Mrs. B. Dean Clanton, President of the S.P.C.A., as Chairman and Mrs. Bess H. Morse (Reg. Vice Pers. of CFA in this area, as well as President of the California Cat Club) co-chairman.

Mr. Crosier states it is planned to make this bazaar an annual event to raise a substantial sum to further the program of the S.P.C.A. for animal work. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of both cats and dogs, but Mr. Crosier hopes that enough cat fanciers will be interested so that they will be able to give cats even more attention than they have. He would like to be able to hold cats that are lost longer, in attempt to return them to their rightful home, or failing in that find a home for the lost or stray cat, such homes to be investigated and the new owners to spay or neuter such animal.

The SPCA wish to enlarge their quarters to properly display these cats when prospective new owners come to look at the animals to be adopted. The workers on this Bazaar state the materials needed are antiques, handiwork, such as aprons, doilies, pot-holders, etc.—ceramics, Rome preserves—toys for dogs and cats, new books, confectioneries, anything new, like shoes or misc. wearing apparel. They suggest you collect what you can, if you are interested in this, and communicate with them and they can arrange to pick this up within a radius of 40 miles from their office, 5026 West Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, California. Any cash contribution will also be appreciated. After the Bazaar, Mr. Crosier states he would be happy to inform those interested what the proceeds were, and what they will be able to do with the funds collected. This needs your help!

An interesting letter from Mrs. G. R. Myers of Shreveport, La., (Ro-Va Cattery). She became interested in importing some Blue Persians last year, and was told to contact Miss Langston, well known breeder of Allington winners in England. Miss Langston referred her to Mr. C. Burns of Sussex, Yew Hatch Cattery. After much correspondence two lovely Blue females, Yew Hatch Mandy and Yew Hatch Leslie were imported and are now both at Ro-Va. Mrs. Burn's yardman built a large shipping crate, arranging a living room and bath room section. The kits had their permanent anti-enteritis vaccinations, new in England, before they left London. They were three days enroute, figuring the difference in time from London to Shreveport, Louisiana, via Pan-American, American and Delta airlines. Because of live freight regulations, they were flown to

Chicago, back to Atlanta and New Orleans, the route of the Delta air freight planes—Shreveport is on direct-to-New York passenger flight lines but pets can fly on these only if accompanied. They were in excellent condition on arrival.

Their sire Gwynn of Allington, is a Dbl. grandson of Dickon of Allington—dam, Annabella of Dunesk, is sired by Ch. Baralan Boy Blue, young son of Deebank Michael, out of Southway Josephine, herself and daughter of Ch. Southway Crusader, and Mrs. Myers states Miss Langston pointed out these females have three of the finest sires in England in their pedigrees. Mandy has three boys and a gal by Balshazzar of Concordia (grandson of Gr. Ch. Woodchurch Periwinkle, Imp.)—and Leslie one boy and a gal by Sir Guy of Ro-Va.

What a busy person Joan Carter, Box 55, Pharr, Texas is. I have two bulletins dated Aug. 8 and 23rd of doings in the Cat Fancy in Texas. Suggest if you are interested in the fine cats in that area you have your name put on her mailing list.

An enthusiastic note from Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren who had just returned from attending the ACA Cat Show at Vancouver, B. C. which is held annually as part of the Pacific National Exhibition. Judging the All Breed was Mrs. Oken of Seattle, and the S. H. Specialty, Mrs. Nora Clifton of San Francisco.

Boren's K'o K'o, C. P. female was Best Novice in the All Breed show, and Julie's Bandit of Jadawh-Boren, B. P. male was Best Reserve cat in A. B., as well as Best Ch. and Best Short Hair. Congratulations. Dr. Boren stated the trophies were unique as they carried out the Coronation theme. Best Cat award in each show received a Gold Crown about the size of the small average cup usually awarded, and the balance of the trophy awards consisted of a replica (gold with inlay) of the Anointing Spoon, which has been used in the ceremonies of the Coronation ceremony since the 12th century.

Mrs. D. W. Dial of La Mesa, California reports her S. P., Nani-Liki of Sun Dial presented her with NINE kits, sired by Drajheh—all kits doing fine. Mrs. Dial also anticipates a fine litter of Chocolate Points from Sun Dial's Pandora, sired by Sun Dial's Misti-Wun (these were both the top C. P. kittens in the Angel City's All Breed and Specialty last year). Mrs. Dial is the breeder also of the well known C. P. Dbl. Ch. Lamar's Rocco (AW-53).

Good luck to all.

Ada May Miles

(Letters and information for "Mews and Views" should be sent direct to Mrs. Miles at 4435 Longridge Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California.)

ON CAT SHOWS (From page 8)

shading gradually into a lighter color on belly and chest. *Slightly* darker color for older cats. Mask deep seal brown". This describes the Seal Point.

Winning cats have often been dark gray with no trace of the warm tones anywhere, points being black, not seal.

An extra long nose seems to be about all some judges look for in Siamese, yet the whole head scales only 15 points, but the color of the body allows 15, color of points 15, eye-color 10. This makes a total of 40 points for color, so how can dark gray cats win?

Some judges fail to post results immediately after each class as required in the show rules. I recall one show where there were only two slips on the board at five in the afternoon.

Exhibitors resent the failure to explain wins; to fault the cat to owners. This is what they came for, what they have paid for, what they have worked for . . . what they have a right to expect. A specialty judge appeared only one day at a show. A request to speak to him after the owner's cat had been judged, and after the recess for lunch, was refused by officials, but I believe the exhibitor is entitled to an explanation.

As there is no perfect cat, then all cats have some fault, and the total picture the animal presents is important.

Judges should total the points as required by the rules and not, of course, allot awards by whim, or politics.

Are standards followed by scoring or comparison? Are "over-type" specimens winning? As one top breeder and winner observes, "They (the judges) are not following standards. You have to give them what they want. Winners often are freaks which appear one in thousands and do not reproduce their type."

Exhibitors will remember unfair treatment and will stay away from such shows and judges.

Protests

Two organizations whose show rules we have examined, require a protest to be in writing and accompanied by a total of \$15. If their decision is against you, the money is not returned. This effectively silences many exhibitors.

Ethics

Would a code of ethics for exhibitors be desirable? Such as . . .

Do not loudly disparage other exhibitors' cats.

Do not argue with the judges.

Do not refuse a lesser ribbon.

Exhibit your cat. Place it in the cage and don't keep it in the carrier, or so covered up that it isn't visible.

Make an effort to welcome and encourage, to explain procedure for the novice exhibitor.

Take your cat up to the judging cage immediately when your class is called.

Remember not to lose control of your emotions in public, to show by gestures and speech your displeasure.

When you have sick cats at home, stay away from shows.

C & S REPORTER

(From page 13)

day show was a welcome innovation.

We wish to thank all those who responded for their encouragement and support and we are truly sorry that we couldn't be seeing you on September 26th.

All checks, money-orders and cash payments are being refunded.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Genevieve M. Gibson, Sec.

Siamese Cat Breeders Guild

7203 West Chester Pike

Upper Darby, Pa.

PS: Letter from Mrs. Andrews, received after this letter went to press, stated "If it was in another state there would be no trouble about it" (the sanction). Shortness of time prevented our securing another location.

G.G.

MRS. MABEL ERDMAN

Mrs. Mabel Erdman, well known Cat Fanciers' Federation Judge passed away suddenly Sunday, August 16th, 1953 at Lebanon, Penna. She was well known as an authority and breeder of Red Tabbies.

Known as Erdie to all her friends, she was an outstanding personality in the cat world and will be greatly missed at the Shows.

MRS. GEORGE D. KESSLER



We have just learned of the death on June 20th at the age of 86 of Mrs. George D. Kessler. Mrs. Kessler was one of the most outstanding and influential persons in the history of the Cat Fancy in America, devoted to the Beresford Cat Club of America in Chicago as one of its founders in 1899 and as its president for over a score of years. She managed the beautiful Beresford Cat Shows over the years, sometimes having them held in conjunction with the great flower shows at the Hotel Sherman and later as single events at other hotels that were notable social affairs on Chicago's calendar of events.

Well-known as she was in Chicago as a leader in the Cat Fancy and as a member and officer of various clubs of civic and professional women's activities, including the Pen Women of America, Mrs. Kessler was more widely known and admired for her years of devoted work as Secretary of the American Cat Association to which she gave unstintingly of her talent, time and treasure, in the home office and in travels across the country in the interest of better shows and personal relations.

Her active service in the interest of the highest standards within the Cat Fancy covered the greater part of the first half of this century until upon her husband's retirement she resigned and moved with him to their lovely home in Winter Haven, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Kessler had shared an idyllic marriage and had celebrated their 63rd anniversary on June 20th. To friends who might not have Mr. Kessler's current address, it is 450 Avenue B, Box 1415, Winter Haven, Florida.

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large full head?*

—Mrs. W.E.S., Cleveland

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and will be absorbed into the system
it will not be as effective as a product
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have been tested and found useful in
treating hairballs. Neutering a cat be-
fore it has attained its full growth
does occasionally have slightly less
than completely satisfactory results.
Such early neutering sometimes has a
"caponizing" effect, with the cat's body
becoming considerably larger than that
of a normal male. The head in all
probably grows to the usual size, but
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25 Years Ago

(From the Cat Courier, 1928)

We are all familiar with the slogans in the shops: "Say it with chocolates", "Say it with flowers", and the like. A tradesman somewhere in the southern states has gone one better, according to the Boston Transcript, which declares that it found this advertisement in the columns of a southern paper: "A kiss will last but a day; ten pounds of candy she will eat and forget; the roses you send will fade with the dawn; but the Persian kitten or a nice puppy is an hourly reminder of you."

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(From the Cat Review, 1903)

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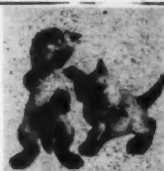


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